

Remarks

Claims 1-20 and 22-30 were previously pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, the applicants have cancelled claims 23-30. Accordingly, claims 1- 20 and 22 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented is respectfully requested.

The claim amendments set forth herein have been done in order to lend greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to expedite prosecution by cancelling the claims that had not been allowed. The cancellation of certain claims should not be taken to indicate the applicants' agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejections of record. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. This Amendment is being submitted in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 23 has been objected to. By this Amendment, the applicants have cancelled claim 23 thereby rendering moot this objection.

Claims 23-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. By this Amendment, the applicants have cancelled claims 23-30 thereby rendering moot this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the cancellation of non-allowed claims, the applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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